

ATTACHMENTS

Attached hereto is a declaration by the inventor, Zaher Al-Sheikh, filed under 37 CFR 1.131 stating prior invention relative to cited reference U.S. 5,920,053 (DeBrouse).

Attached hereto is a factual declaration of Ghadir Yaldo filed in support of the declaration of Mr. Al-Sheikh.

Attached hereto is a copy of priority filing U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/060,817 filed October 1, 1997. This true copy is submitted as a courtesy to the Examiner.

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003. Based on the attached declarations and following remarks, it is submitted that pending claims 1-9 are now in allowable form. Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by DeBrouse (U.S. Patent No. 5,920,053).

DeBrouse has a filing date and priority date of January 6, 1997.

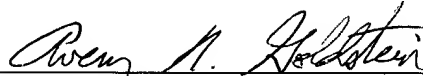
The declaration attached hereto by the inventor of the above-referenced application claims a reduction to practice prior to January 6, 1997. Since the claims currently pending are supported by the disclosure in the priority document for the above-referenced application, U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/060,817, it is submitted that DeBrouse is not prior art to the pending claims and as such withdrawal of the rejection as to pending claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by DeBrouse is solicited.

Summary

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. In light of the attached declaration under 37 CFR 1.131, it is submitted that all the pending claims are directed to allowable and patentable subject matter. Allowance of these claims and the passing of this application to

issuance are solicited. Should the Examiner find to the contrary, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney in charge of this application be contacted.

Respectfully submitted,



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